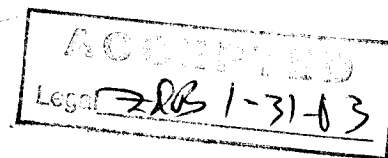


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RE: Generic Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal
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Docket No. 97-239-C, Our File No. 525-10001

Dear David:

I am writing in response to your letter dated January 24, 2003, in reference to the above proceeding. The South Carolina Public Communications Association ("SCPCA") does intend to continue its participation in this docket. Consequently, I ask that you keep the SCPCA on the service list as an intervenor and party in this proceeding. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions related to this or any other matter.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

John F. Beach

cc: Mr. Walter Rice

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